

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the communication of September 9, 2005, Applicants herewith submit a response to the species requirement including a listing of all claims readable on the elected species. In particular, claims 1-6, 10, 13-24 and 31-32 read on the silica dioxide layer species, and claims 1-6, 10, 13-24 and 31-32 read on the hydrogen bromide etch chemistry species.

As stated in MPEP § 809.02(a), “[u]pon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR § 1.141.”

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' elections, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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